



Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps
Of Engineers
Galveston District**

Permit Application No: _____ 23410(01) Rev.
Date Issued: _____ 3 December 2004
Comments Due: _____ 10 January 2005

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: To inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

AUTHORITY: This application will be reviewed pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: Tarpon Offshore
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LOCATION: The pipeline originates in Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico, within the Aransas Pass Anchorage Area, in Mustang Island Block 726. The well site is located at X=2,555,773.24, Y=782,632.28 ([NAD83] Lat. 27°48'34.862"N, Long. 96°46'51.721"). The pipeline exits the anchorage area into the fairway at X=2,556,428.87, Y=779,268.49. The pipeline exists the fairway at X=2,520,483.76, Y=755,277.82. The pipeline enters another fairway at X=2,509,786.54, Y=757,764.83 and exits at X=2,497,598.02, Y=760,888.24. The tie-in location is in Mustang Island Block 746 at an existing well site. The well site is located at X=2,491,025.01, Y=762,572.63. The project can be located on the U.S.G.S. quadrangle map entitled: Allyn's Bight, Texas.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to install a 14.4-mile, 6.625-inch-diameter flowline from the well location in Block 726 to an existing tie-in well location in Block 746. The pipeline will exit the anchorage area and travel through two fairways to the terminal location.

The pipeline will be buried –16.5 feet below the mudline in the anchorage area, -10 feet below the mudline across the fairway, and –3 feet below the mudline in other non-designated OCS waters. The water depth is approximately –84 to –90 feet. The applicant's plans are enclosed in 3 sheets.

NOTES: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified.

The decision as to whether a permit will be issued will be based on an evaluation of the impact of the proposed work on navigation and national security within the anchorage area.

OTHER AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS: Texas Coastal Zone consistency certification is required. The applicant has stated that the project is consistent with the Texas Coastal Management Program goals and policies and will be conducted in a manner consistent with said Program.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES: The staff archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the undertaking upon these properties:

The staff archaeologist has no information regarding the potential presence of properties eligible for inclusion in the national register or historic places within these Federal blocks. An investigation for the presence of potentially eligible historic properties may be justified if recommended by the Minerals Management Service.

CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before **10 January 2005**. Extensions of the comment period may be granted for valid reasons provided a written request is received by the limiting date. **If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections.** Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

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